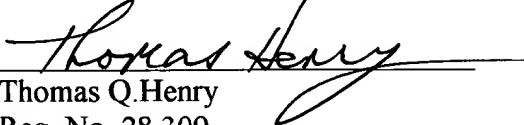


**REMARKS**

Consideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application is  
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